

Bill making an appropriation for the manufacture of Minie balls.

Mr. Casey moved to postpone the further consideration of the bill before the Senate until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. Lost.

Mr. Guinn moved to amend by inserting "at their market value."

Mr. Dickson offered a substitute for the amendment, whereupon Mr. Durant moved to lay amendment and substitute on the table. Carried.

The yeas and nays on Mr. Graham's amendment were then called as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Batte, Boyd, Branch, Burnett, Crawford of Fannin, Darden, Dickson, Durant, Erath, Finlay, Graham, Harcourt, Hartley, Houston, Mitchell, Moore, Obenchain, Parsons, Reed, Scarborough, Shelley, and Weatherford—22.

NAYS — Messrs. Casey, Cook, Crawford of Jasper, Guinn, Lea, and Selman—6.

Mr. Lea moved to postpone until 10 o'clock A. M. tomorrow. Lost, and bill ordered to be engrossed.

The report of Committee on State Affairs offering a substitute for a bill reestablishing the boundaries of Texas being the special order was taken up.

Mr. Guinn proposed a substitute, whereupon on Mr. Shelley's motion the further consideration was postponed until Monday next, 12 o'clock M.

On Mr. Shelley's motion the vote refusing further action on a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the 3rd section of the 10th Article of the Constitution was reconsidered.

Mr. Shepard offered to amend by striking out "a majority" and inserting "two-thirds." On Mr. Hartley's motion laid on the table. Bill then read 3rd time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS — Messrs. Batte, Boyd, Burnett, Casey, Crawford of Jasper, Dickson, Durant, Erath, Finlay, Graham, Guinn, Hartley, Houston, Lea, Mitchell, Moore, Obenchain, Reed, Scarborough, Selman, Shelley, Weatherford, and Wheeler—23.

NAYS—Messrs. Branch, Cook, Crawford of Fannin, Darden, Jordan, Parsons, and Shepard—7.

On motion of Mr. Weatherford the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock A. M. tomorrow.

Saturday, December 7, 1861.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the

Chaplain. Roll called, quorum present. The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Batte presented the petition of William H. Justiss. Referred to Committee on Claims and Accounts.

Mr. Weatherford, Chairman of Committee on Private Land Claims, reported the following bills and recommended their passage:

Bill for relief of W. A. Grady, and bill for relief of William B. Green.

Mr. Boyd, Chairman of Committee on Roads, Bridges, and Ferries, reported a bill to amend the 1st and 5th sections of an Act to incorporate the East Fork Bridge Company and recommend its passage.

Mr. Parsons, Chairman of the Committee on Internal Improvements, reported, upon the petition of James R. Arnold, a bill in relation to the Eastern Texas Railroad Company and recommended its passage. Read 1st time.

Mr. Casey introduced a bill to legalize the Acts of Alexander Birdsong, notary public in Panola County. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Burnett, Chairman of Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported a joint resolution making an appropriation for the mileage and *per diem* of the presidential electors correctly enrolled and presented to the Governor.

Mr. Lea introduced a bill to prescribe the mode of appropriating islands containing less than 160 acres. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Judiciary Committee.

On motion of Mr. Crawford of Fannin, Mr. Dickson was added to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

A bill for the relief of Peter Norton. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Private Land Claims.

A bill making an appropriation for the manufacture of Minie balls. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Military Affairs.

A bill for relief of A. H. Cook. Read 2nd time. Mr. ——— moved to indefinitely postpone.

YEAS—Messrs. Batte, Burnett, Casey, Crawford of Fannin, Durant, Guinn, Harcourt, Jordan, Parsons, Selman, and Wheeler—11.

NAYS—Messrs. Boyd, Branch, Cook, Darden, Dickson, Finlay, Graham, Hartley, Lea, Moore, Obenchain, Reed, Scarborough, Shelley, Shepard, and Weatherford—16.

Mr. Guinn moved to strike out all that portion relating to interest. Mr. Hartley from the Committee on Internal Improvements on behalf of said Committee reported a bill to amend the 14th section of an Act to incorporate the Houston, Trinity, and Tyler Railroad Company and ~~recommended its passage.~~ Taken up.

Mr. Durant moved to lay the bill before the Senate on the table. Lost. Mr. Burnett moved to strike out "2 years" and insert "1 year."

On Mr. Guinn's motion Mr. Burnett's amendment was tabled. Mr. Shepard moved to postpone until the 14th instant and on Mr. Branch's motion it was tabled. The bill was then ordered to be engrossed. Rule suspended and bill read 3rd time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Batte, Boyd, Branch, Burnett, Casey, Cook, Crawford of Fannin, Crawford of Jasper, Darden, Finlay, Guinn, Harcourt, Hartley, Houston, Jordan, Lea, Mitchell, Moore, Parsons, Reed, Scarborough, Selman, Shelley, Shepard, and Wheeler—25.

NAYS—Messrs. Dickson, Obenchain, and Weatherford—3.

Mr. Burnett, Chairman of the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported a bill suspending the collection of debts, &c., correctly enrolled and presented to the Governor.

A call of the Senate having been sustained, on Mr. Wheeler's motion pending the amendment of Mr. Guinn to strike all out relating to interest in the bill for the relief of A. H. Cook, and the call having been suspended, the question was taken by yeas and nays as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Batte, Burnett, Casey, Crawford of Fannin, Guinn, Harcourt, Parsons, Selman, Shepard, and Wheeler—10.

NAYS—Messrs. Boyd, Branch, Cook, Darden, Dickson, Graham, Houston, Jordan, Lea, Moore, Reed, Scarborough, Shelley, and Weatherford—14.

The yeas and nays were then called on the engrossment of the bill as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Batte, Boyd, Branch, Cook, Crawford of Jasper, Darden, Finlay, Graham, Hartley, Houston, Jordan, Lea, Mitchell, Moore, Obenchain, Reed, Scarborough, Shelley, Shepard, and Weatherford.—20.

NAYS—Messrs. Burnett, Casey, Crawford of Fannin, Durant, Guinn, Harcourt, Parsons, Selman, and Wheeler—9.

Mr. Hartley, one of the Committee on Internal Improvements, by leave reported on behalf of the Committee a bill to amend the 11th section of an Act to incorporate the Trinity Valley Railroad Company and recommended its passage.

On motion of Mr. Guinn the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock A. M. Monday.